

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Matthews Farm House Inventory Number: AL-VI-B-060
Address: South of Burning Mines Road SW City: Frostburg Zip Code: 21532
County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Lonaconing
Owner: Mr. Allen Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 152 Tax Map Number: 36 Tax Account ID Number: _____
Project: _____ Agency: _____
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: _____

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☒ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Matthews Brick Farm House originally was documented in 1976 and retains its integrity from that date. The two-story, brick house rests on a stone foundation. The east and west elevations are arranged by five symmetrical bays. The south and north elevations are blind with the exception of two small windows in the attic located on either side of the interior brick chimneys. The side-gable roof is sheathed in corrugated metal. The west elevation has a central doorway located in a recessed wood surround with a four-light transom. The doorway on the east elevation is off-center and features a wood surround with a four-light transom. A one-story porch supported by a raised foundation spans the east elevation.

A one-story brick outbuilding, identified as a springhouse, is located southeast of the house. The building rests on an exposed stone foundation. A doorway accesses the stone basement on the north end. The east elevation has a doorway accessed by an exterior stairway and two window openings. The south end is blind. The west elevation has a raised enclosed addition. In 2007, no clear view of the springhouse was afforded due to surrounding vegetation.

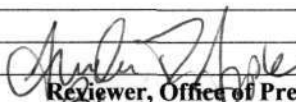
The Matthews Brick Farmhouse was identified as possessing the qualities of significance and integrity necessary for its listing in the National Register of Historic Places by Donna Ware in the book *Green Glades and Sooty Gob Piles* (Ware 1991:49). The ca. 1850 brick farmhouse and 1861 outbuilding possess the qualities of significance for domestic architecture in this area

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

1/5/2009
Date


Reviewer, NR Program

1/5/09
Date

200803352

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Continuation Sheet No. 1

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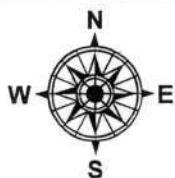
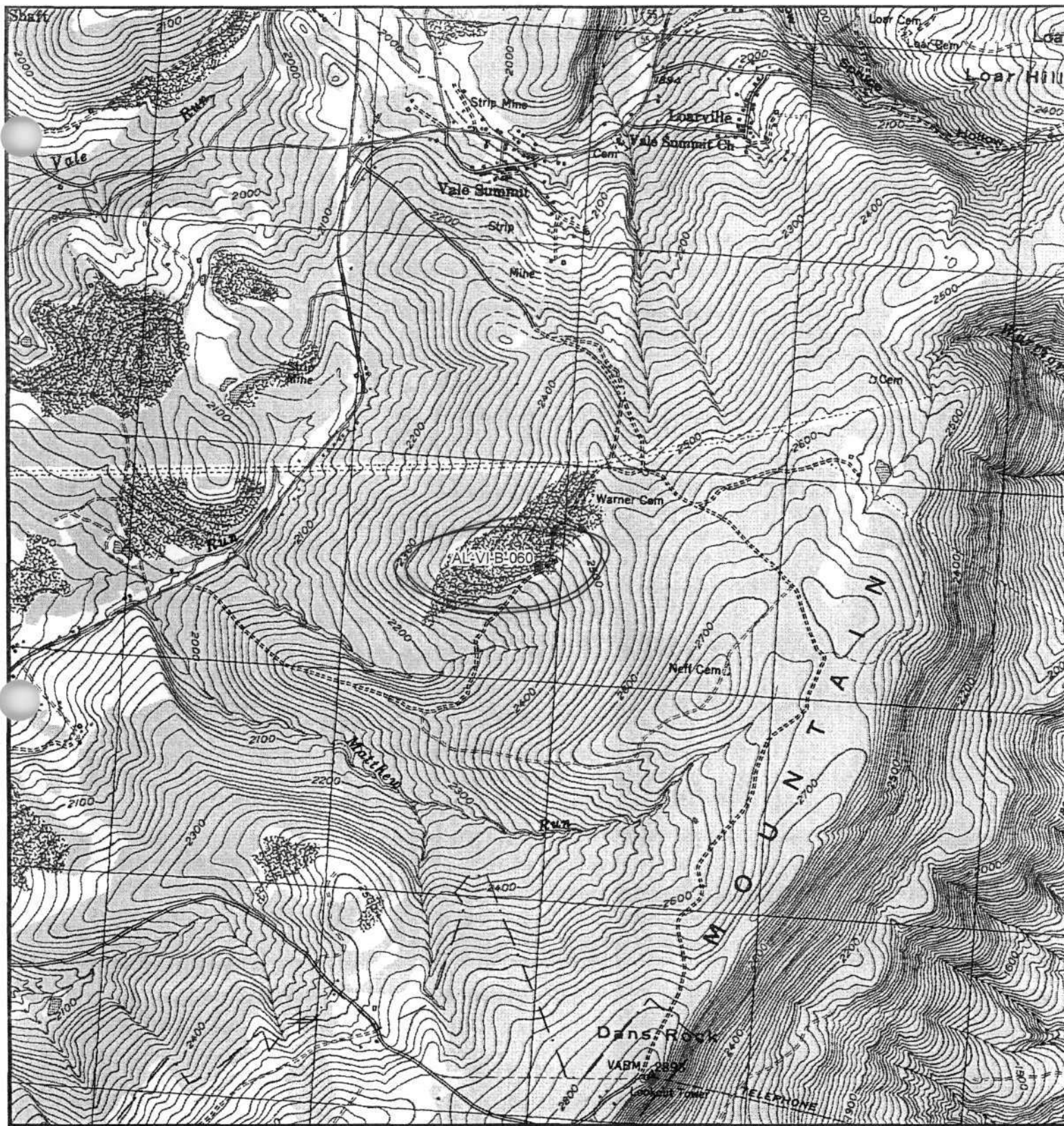
of Allegany County applying National Register Criterion C. No agricultural buildings remain extant on the property. The acreage on the west side of the house was strip mined during the 1970s and the area east of the house is forested. No agricultural field patterns or agricultural outbuildings survive to illustrate the property's history as a farm.

References

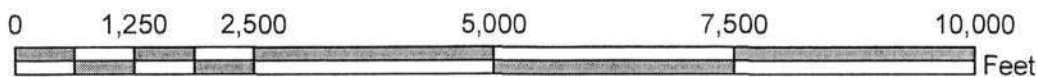
Ware, Donna, with contributions by Orlando Ridout V, Geoffrey B. Henry, and Mark R. Edwards
1991 *Green Glades and Sooty Gob Piles*. Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, Maryland.

Prepared by: Katherine Grandine, Senior
Historian, RCGA, Inc.

Date Prepared: September 2008



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 Matthews Brick Farmhouse
 Vale Summit
 USGS 7.5 minute Lonaconing Quadrangle map
 1:24:000 scale

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AL-VI-B-060

Mathews Farm House, Allegany County
Continuation Sheet

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The following information is the same for each photograph:

1. MIHP # AL-VI-B-060
2. Mathews Farm House
3. Allegany County, Maryland
4. R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
5. October 2007
6. MD SHPO
7. Photo paper and ink: HP Vivera ink 97 Tri-Color cartridge, 101 Blue Photo cartridge, and 102 Gray Photo cartridge on HP Premium Photo Paper (high gloss)
8. Verbatim Ultralife Gold Archival Grade CD-R, PhthaloCyanine Dye

Photo #

AL-VI-B-060_2007-10-05_01.tif - Mathew's Farm, looking northwest

AL-VI-B-060_2007-10-05_01.tif - Mathew's Farm, looking east



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Mathews Brick Farmhouse

Allegheny County, MD

Benjamin M. Riggle

10-05-2007

MD SHPO-AL-VI-B-060-2007-10-15_01

View facing northwest

Photo # 1 of 2



MIHP Number: AL-VI-B-060

Mathews Brick Farmhouse

Allegheny County, MD

Benjamin M. Riggle

10-05-2007

MD SHPO-AL-VI-B-060_2007-10-15_02

Date Brick on west elevation

Photo # 2 of 2

MATTHEWS FARM HOUSE

AL-VI-B-060

Off Dan's Mountain Road, Midland
1850 - 1861

The Matthews Farm House is a large brick structure that is typical of Maryland's rural brick architecture in the first half of the 19th century. The building is two and a half stories high and five bays wide. A brick springhouse is located northeast of the main building. The farm house and outbuildings are believed to have been constructed by John Matthews between the years 1850 and 1861.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Matthews Brick Farm House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off Dan's Mountain Road

CITY, TOWN

Midland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Simon & Etta Mohr

Telephone #: 463-6423

STREET & NUMBER

9112 Lennings Lane

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore,

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20337

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

AL-VI-B-060

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Matthews Farm House is located off Dan's Mountain Road near Midland, Allegany County.

The Matthews Farm House is a large rectangular building, two and a half stories high and five bays wide. The house is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond with a 7/1 variation. The main facade is interrupted by a belt course which runs just under the second story windows. The entire structure rests on a high stone foundation with a plain water table. Windows in the house have all been replaced and are now double hung wooden sash frames with one over one lights. Flat structural arches top all the windows while two small windows ornament the gable ends. The main entrance is located on the north facade and features a vertically paneled door with a transom light and replaced hardware. A second entrance is located on the building's south side and is covered by a five bay, banistered, shed-roof, end porch. Two brick, corbeled chimneys, both original and replaced are located at the flush end and the outside ends of the house respectively.

Located northeast of the house is a small brick springhouse or smokehouse. The building rests on a high random ashlar stone foundation. A stone, with the builders name and the date the building was constructed is located on the east side of the building. A single original window is located in the gable end of the building. In addition, several windows are located in the frame shed-roof addition which abuts the main block on the south side. A single brick chimney is located at the flush end of the building. The main entrance is located on the north facade and features a replaced horizontally paneled door.

The Matthews House is in fair condition and retains much of the original fabric and appearance of a substantial 19th century farm.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1850 - 1861

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

John Matthews

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Today, the Matthews House is in poor condition and sits surrounded by a large strip mine. However, in the late 1860's the house must have been part of a large and prosperous farm. The main house, which is typical of rural brick architecture in the first half of the 19th century, was constructed of brick in 1850 by John Matthews. Matthews was born in 1821 and died seventy eight years later in 1892.¹ In addition to the main house, Matthews also built a combination smokehouse or springhouse which was completed in 1861. A foundation stone with Matthews name and the date 1861 is located on the east side of the smokehouse while the date 1850 is carved near the belt course on the main facade. A large barn was also located nearby the main house, but that has since fallen into ruin.

Approximately 200 yards north east of the farm is a small graveyard where John Matthews is buried.

¹ Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 137 3/8 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/4/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Matthews Brick Farm House
AL-VI-B-060

Allegany County Deed; Liber 482, Folio 628
grantee: Simon H. & Etta C. Mohr
grantor: Coddington Lumber Company
November 18, 1975
Consideration: \$5,000.00 Acres: 137 3/8

Proceedings were brought against Codd for Exception described in deed
from Mohr to Dan's Mountain Wilderness Club, Inc., July 25, 1969 -
434/299 - Dan's Mountain Resurvey.

Allegany County Deed; Liber 434, Folio 299
grantee: Dan's Mountain Club
grantor: Simon H. & Etta C. Mohr
September 25, 1969
Consideration: \$10,000
Acres: 800.2

"Saving and excepting 45 or 50 acres containing a Brick House, Brick
Cabin and other improvements to be determined by survey."

Allegany County Deed; Liber 337, Folio 85
grantee: Simon & Etta Mohr
grantor: John E. & Gladys Lohr
July 18, 1961
Consideration: \$6,000
Acres: 800.2

Allegany County Deed; Liber 219, Folio 609
grantee: John E. Lohr
Grantor: Lawrence J. Carey & Vivian Burdock Carey
April 2, 1948

Allegany County Deed; Liber 214, Folio 619
grantee: Lawrence J. Carey, ut. ex.
grantor: Leonard C. McKenzie
April 23, 1947

Allegany County Deed; Liber 213, Folio 552
grantee: Leonard C. McKenzie, et. al.
grantor: Henry Long
February 20, 1947
Consideration: \$3,000.00

TITLE SEARCH

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Matthews Brick Farm House

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Allegany County Deed; Liber 203, Folio 553

grantee: Henry Long

grantor: Margaret McFarland Ort, et. al.

March 27, 1945

Consideration: \$2,500

Allegany County Deed; Liber 178, Folio 161

grantee: Thomas H. McFarland

grantor: North Maryland Coal Mining Company

August 6, 1929

Allegany County Deed; Liber 124, Folio 282

grantee: North Maryland Coal Mining Company

grantor: Edward J. House, et. al.

November 3, 1917

Allegany County Deed; Liber 110, Folio 657

grantee: John Mitchell, Jr.

grantor: Wachovia Coal Company

September 14, 1912

Allegany County Deed; Liber 96, Folio 450

grantee: Wachovia Coal Company

grantor: William M. Mertens & D. Lindley Sloan

February 4, 1905

Allegany County Deed; Liber 82, Folio 53

grantee: William M. Mertens

grantor: Clarence M. King, Sheriff of Allegany County

August 2, 1897

Consideration: \$520.00

INVENTORY NO. AI-VI-B-060

482/628

DATE: 12/15/76137 $\frac{3}{8}$ AcresREMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Matthews Brick Farm HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Off Dan's Mt RoadDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South east 463-6423 PaleNAME OF OWNER: Simon & Etta Mohr

ADDRESS: _____

Baltimore, MarylandSTORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5(☒) 6() 7() ()WINGS, ADDITIONS: Porch Spring House P HouseDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- 7/1
- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
 - (☒) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. Replaced Face
 - () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
 - () LOG
 - () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Stitcher CourseFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() Replaced
Jack Arches pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: SouthHARDWARE: original() replaced(☒)FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Transom Light

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICHE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(☒) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Corbeled Brick ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable() 6 Bay - BanisteredCHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELED(☒) original(☒) replaced()LOCATION: Flush end(☒) Inside end() Outside end(☒) Central() Interior()ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular Jack

COMMENTS:

Use - Residence
Significance - Arch
Date Constructed - 1850
Condition - Fair

1821-1892

1930 Ross

Atq ¹⁸⁴⁴
~~440~~

B 186 - Mathews Valley Resurveyed

195

172

185

F 112 - 1 house Kirkland

113

117

267

333

John Mathews - will Liber F Folio 288

unmarried

7 brothers & sisters

* Catherine Mathews Kline

Noah Mathews

Henry Mathews

Matilda Mathews Huberson

Rachel Mathews Ross

Elizabeth Mathews McMillan

Susanna Mathews Wagon

Maria Mathews Miller

LONACONING QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW 1/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE

563 H. N.E.
(CUMBERLAND)

55 679

1:24,000 FEET (M.D.)

682

39°37'30"

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AI-VI-B-055

AI-VI-B-031

AI-VI-B-030

AI-VI-B-063

AI-VI-B-060

AI-VI-B-060

Matthews Brick Farm

Old Dan's Rock Rd

USGS Loraconing Quad

1:24,000

1974 Revised

Dans Rock

TELEPHONE



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Mathews Brick Farm / spring
house

Off Dan's Mtn. Road

Midland

12/13/76

Quan Baldwin

East



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matthews Brick Farm House

off Dan's mtn. Road

midland

12/15/76

Alan Baldwin

SOUTHEAST



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matthews BRICK Farm HOUSE

Off Dan's Mt. Road

midland

12/15/76

Glen Baldwin

northwest



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Matthews Brick Farm/springhouse

Off Dan's Mtn Road

Midland

12/15/76

Alan Baldwin

Southwest

1861

JOHN MATTHEW

EVANS

A1-VI-B-060

Matthews Brick House

Off Dan's Mtn Road

Midland

12/15/76

Quan Baldwin

WEST

springhouse - date stone